

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a gaming management service in a gaming network, the  
5 method comprising:

publishing the availability of the gaming management service on the gaming network  
with a discovery agent communicably coupled to the gaming network;

receiving by the discovery agent a request for the location of the gaming management  
service from a gaming machine communicably coupled to the gaming network;

10 registering by the gaming machine with the gaming management service; and

processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the gaming  
management service.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the gaming management service comprises a web  
15 service.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request for  
configuration update by the gaming machine.

20 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

receiving a configuration change; and

issuing by the gaming management service a configuration update to the gaming  
machine in response to the configuration change.

25 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request to download a  
configuration to the gaming machine.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a query for the status of  
devices on the gaming network.

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises an event report from the gaming machine to the gaming management service.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request for events that  
5 match a supplied criteria.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming management service to query the gaming machine configuration.

10 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming management service to query a status of the gaming machine.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the status includes a status of a device on the gaming machine.

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12. The method of claim 11, wherein the device is a coin acceptor.

13. A gaming network system comprising:

a gaming management service communicably coupled to a gaming network;

20 a discovery agent communicably coupled to the gaming network; and

at least one gaming machine communicably coupled to the gaming network;

wherein the gaming management service is operable to:

publish the availability of the gaming management service to the discovery agent;

25 receive registration requests from the at least one gaming machine; and

process service requests between the gaming machine and the gaming management service.

14. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the gaming management service comprises a web service.

15. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a  
5 request for configuration update by the gaming machine.

16. The gaming network system of claim 15, wherein the gaming management service is further operable to:

receive a configuration change; and  
10 issue a configuration update to the gaming machine in response to the configuration change.

17. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request to download a configuration to the gaming machine.

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18. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a query for the status of devices on the gaming network.

19. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises an  
20 event report from the gaming machine to the gaming management service.

20. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request for events that match a supplied criteria.

25 21. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming management service to query the gaming machine configuration.

22. The gaming network system of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming management service to query a status of the gaming machine.

23. The gaming network system of claim 22, wherein the status includes a status of a device on the gaming machine.

24. The gaming network system of claim 23, wherein the device is a coin acceptor.

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25. A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for providing a gaming management service in a gaming network, the method comprising:

publishing the availability of the gaming management service with a discovery agent;

10 receiving by the discovery agent a request for the location of the gaming management service from a gaming machine;

registering by the gaming machine with the gaming management service; and

processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the gaming management service.

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26. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the gaming management service comprises a web service.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the service request comprises a  
20 request for configuration update by the gaming machine.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the method further comprises:  
receiving a configuration change; and

25 issuing by the gaming management service a configuration update to the gaming machine in response to the configuration change.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the service request comprises a request to download a configuration to the gaming machine.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the service request comprises a query for the status of devices on the gaming network.

5 31. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the service request comprises an event report from the gaming machine to the gaming management service.

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the service request comprises a request for events that match a supplied criteria.

10 33. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming management service to query the gaming machine configuration.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming management service to query a status of the gaming machine.

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35. The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the status includes a status of a device on the gaming machine.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the device is a coin acceptor.

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